

ACRONYM	TITLE	EXPLANATION
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990	Federal act that requires equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment
APA	American Planning Association	Non-profit public interest and research organization representing planners, officials, and citizens involved in urban and rural planning issues
BZA	Board of Zoning Appeals	Board that hears and decides appeals of zoning decisions and authorizes variances of zoning regulations
CAC	Citizens' Advisory Council	RPC's local advisory group which gives citizens input open to anyone who lives or works in Stark County
CAPER	Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report	An annual report on activities produced by CDBG departments for HUD
CD	Community Development	
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant	Federal funding source since 1974 for needs related to housing, economic development, community development, infrastructure, public services, etc; mostly to benefit LMI persons
CEDA	Cooperative Economic Development Agreement	An agreement where the City annexes & provides services and receives the income tax; township still receives property tax
CHDO	Community Housing Development Organization	Agency that works to develop affordable housing; board composition meets certain HUD requirements
CRA	Community Reinvestment Area	An area of land in which property owners can receive tax incentives for investing in real property improvements
DRLP	Division of Recycling & Litter Prevention	A division within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources
EDA	Economic Development Administration	Agency within US Dept of Commerce that provides grants for infrastructure development, capacity building and business development
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	There are both federal (USEPA) and state (OEPA) agencies
EZ	Enterprise Zone	A state program that offers communities opportunities to provide incentives to encourage retention and expansion of businesses
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration	Federal agency within the USDOT responsible for safety of civil aviation
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	Federal agency within the Department of Homeland Security responsible for protection of nation's infrastructure from disasters
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration	Federal agency within the USDOT responsible for highways
FTA	Federal Transit Administration	Federal agency within the USDOT responsible for mass transit
FTZ	Foreign Trade Zone	An area in which businesses involved in foreign trade pay no sales tax
FY	Fiscal Year	Year funding is tracked; may be calendar year; state fiscal year (7/1-6/30) or federal (10/1-9/30)
GIS	Geographic Information System	A computer-based system for generating maps comprised of different informational elements such as corporation lines, parcel lines, streets, geographic information

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HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996	Requirements created to protect security and privacy of individuals medical information. Compliance required after April 2003
HUD	Department of Housing & Urban Development	Federal department responsible for funding housing and development projects
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act	A congressional act providing the funding and regulations for surface transportation for FY 92 - 96. Replaced by TEA-21
JEDD	Joint Economic Development District	An agreement between two or more political subdivisions which provides tax benefits for economic development
LIHTC	Low Income Housing Tax Credit	
LMI	Low-to-Moderate Income	
LTIP	Local Transportation Improvement Program	The funding program for highways and bridges under OPWC
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization	The agency which administers the federally required transportation planning process in a metropolitan area
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area	A core area containing a substantial population nucleus together with adjacent communities having a high degree of social and economic integration within that core; comprised of one or more counties
NACCED	National Association of County Community & Economic Development	National association which promotes and provides training in community development for counties
NAICS	North American Industrial Classification System	Newer classification system that attempts to deal with emerging businesses better than the old SIC system; groups together establishments that do similar things in similar ways
NEFCO	Northeast Ohio Four County planning & development Organization	The regional planning organization which encompasses Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne counties
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System	Ohio EPA regulatory program requires all facilities that discharge pollutants from any point source into waters of the US obtain a NPDES permit.
OCCD	Ohio Conference of Community Development	Statewide Association which promotes and provides training in community and economic development
ODH	Ohio Department of Health	
ODNR	Ohio Department of Natural Resources	
ODOD	Ohio Department of Development	
ODOT	Ohio Department of Transportation	
OPC	Ohio Planning Conference	State chapter of American Planning Association; provides training for planners
OPWC	Ohio Public Works Commission	The infrastructure funding agency. Stark County is District 19 of OPWC
ORC	Ohio Revised Code	
PJ	Participating Jurisdiction	Designated recipient of federal HOME funds from HUD

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POTW	Publicly Owned Treatment Works	Wastewater treatment plant; system typically includes physical separation and settling, grit removal, biological treatment and disinfection
PUD	Planned Unit Development	A planned development that generally allows greater densities and some mixed-uses in exchange for greater amounts of open space
RFP	Request for Proposal	
RTA	Regional Transit Authority	
SARTA	Stark Area Regional Transit Authority	Stark County's public transit agency
SCATS	Stark County Area Transportation Study	Stark County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
SCC	Stark County Commissioners	
SCRPC	Stark County Regional Planning Commission	
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification	US Dept of Labor classification system used in collection, aggregation, presentation and analysis of US economy
SMHA	Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority	
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program	The statewide equivalent of the SCATS TIP
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee	Subcommittee of SCATS that reviews technical decisions and is composed of professionals in traffic, engineering, mass transit, etc.
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	Assistance offered through Office for Family Assistance within the US Department of Health & Human Services; created by welfare reform law in 1996
TDP	Transit Development Plan	A plan created cooperatively between SARTA & SCATS that examines 5-6 years of local mass transit planning
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act of the 21 st century	An act that authorizes and funds the federal surface transportation programs for highways, safety and transit (also provides technical corrections for ISTEA above)
TID	Transportation Improvement District	A local board responsible for administering transportation projects in conjunction with ODOT
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program	A 4-year program of projects created by SCATS. Inclusion on the TIP is a prerequisite for federal funding
TIRC	Tax Incentive Review Council	Council comprised of 7-8 members as prescribed by ORC which meets annually to evaluate compliance record of each Enterprise Zone (to review tax abatements)
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load	A tool authorized by congress in the Clean Water Act to limit pollutants in streams
TSP	The Stock Pile	RPC's building material reuse warehouse